

46th BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF MUSEUMS CONFERENCE & AGM

11, 12 & 13 OCTOBER 2019

HOSTED BY FRIENDS OF READING MUSEUM

MUSEUM FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY



Reading Town Hall and Museum



The Ruins of Reading Abbey

OUTLINE PROGRAMME & BOOKING FORM

Venue: Reading Town Hall

Reading Town Hall, which houses Reading Museum, lies within Reading's Abbey Quarter close to Reading Station, hotels and bus routes. The venue for the formal conference programme is the magnificent Victoria Hall which is accessible by lift and has a hearing loop.

Friday 11 October

Delegates who arrive early will be able to register at Reading Town Hall between 14.00 and 16.00. Tours of Reading Museum's replica of the Bayeux Tapestry and Reading Abbey Quarter have been organised and in the evening there will be an informal supper at the famous Reading pie restaurant Sweeney & Todd.

Saturday 12 October

Registration and coffee will be available from 09.45 and proceedings will commence at 10.15. A reception, which is included in the delegate fee, will take place in the Waterhouse Chamber at 18.30. For dinner we return to the now transformed Victoria Hall to enjoy a two-course dinner followed by an entertaining speaker.

Friends groups will be able to display their journals, newsletters and other literature in the conference hall. We also hope to invite a range of local organisations to exhibit on heritage information stalls during the conference.

Sunday 13 October

A full programme of visits and tours is available in the morning and afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PROGRAMME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For further information or questions:

By post: Friends of Reading Museum (FoRM) c/o Reading Museum and Town Hall, The Town Hall, Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1QH

email: form2019conf@gmail.com.

FoRM website: www.readingmuseum.org.uk/explore/get-involved/friends-reading-museum

BAfM website: www.bafm.org.uk

Tourist information: <https://livingreading.co.uk/visit/places-to-visit-in-reading>



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Programme

9.45 - Registration and coffee

10.15 - Conference welcome followed by keynote speakers

Matt Rodda: Reading East MP and Shadow Minister for Transport (buses)

Fiona Talbott: Head of Museums, Libraries and Archives for the National Lottery Heritage Fund as well as responsibility for strategic development and planning across these three sectors.

11.40 - Alan Caig, Friends of Exeter Museum and Brendan Carr, Community Engagement Curator, Reading Museum

12.30-14.00 Lunch in the Waterhouse Chamber and opportunity to visit Reading Museum

14.00 Case studies and panel discussion: Susanne Anna, Director Düsseldorf City Museum (Stadtmuseum Düsseldorf); Eckhard Kranz, Chair of the Friends of Düsseldorf City Museum (Freundeskreis des Stadtmuseums Düsseldorf); Annette Haworth, Friends of Reading University; Neena Sohal, Arts Asia and Rhea Douglas, Reading Museum.

All speakers will address the conference theme and there will be time for delegates to ask questions and contribute their own ideas and experiences.

15.30 - 16.00 Tea

16.00 BAfM AGM and presentation from the winner of the Robert Logan award

17.00 Presentation - 2020 Conference

17.15 Summary of the day and closing remarks

18.30 Reception and presentation of the Robert Logan and newsletter and blog awards in the Waterhouse Chamber

19.30 Conference dinner in the Victoria Hall

Tours and Visits

Friday 14.30 For those who arrive early we are offering a tour of Reading Museum and a tour of the Reading Abbey Quarter and ruins.

Sunday 10.30 Tour of Reading Abbey extended along Chestnut Walk past Reading Gaol, with Oscar Wilde references, and on to Blake's Lock on the River Kennet. Alternatively there is a visit to the Museum of English Rural Life (a Reading University Museum) which is currently working in partnership with Reading Museum as an Arts Council National Portfolio Organisation. The visit to this Museum will include an introductory talk and an opportunity to handle objects in the Museum's collection.

12.30 Visit to the Royal Berkshire Hospital Medical Museum. The hospital is less than five minutes walk from MERL and the London Road campus of the University of Reading.

13.30 A guided walk around the University of Reading's historic London Road campus and the building housing the Special Collections Service and the Museum of English Rural Life (MERL).

Hotels

If you would like a map of Reading with these hotel locations marked please send an A4 SAE and we will provide one.

Hotel	Phone number	£ - ££ -£££-££££	Distance from venue on foot	Features
Ibis Hotel Reading Centre	0118 953 3500	££	0.2 miles	
Novotel	0118 952 2600	£££	0.2 miles	
Ibis Styles Reading Centre	0118 953 3455	££	0.3 miles	
Penta Hotel	0118 958 6222	£££	0.4 miles	
Mercure George Hotel	0118 957 3445	£££	0.3 miles	historic coaching inn
The Roseate	0118 952 7770	££££	0.2 miles	boutique
Crowne Plaza Hotel	0118 925 9988	££££	0.8 miles	on the Thames
easyHotel Reading	0118 304 3400	£	0.6 miles	
Malmaison	0118 334 1331	££££	0.1 miles	historic railway hotel

Photography and Filming

Photography, filming and sketching may take place during the conference and associated activities which may be used by BAfM and FoRM in the future. Please inform us now if you do not wish to be photographed, filmed or sketched otherwise it will be assumed that you have no objection.

DELEGATE DETAILS

(Delegate partners and companions see end of form)

Name:.....

Postal Address:.....

email:.....

Contact phone number:.....

Name of museum friends organisation:

Website/social media for your friends organisation to share with delegates.....

Are you a voting delegate at the AGM: YES/NO

Do you have any access requirements? YES/NO

If yes please specify in the box below. Access details are available on the Reading Museum and Town Hall website: [www.readingmuseum.org.uk/your visit/access](http://www.readingmuseum.org.uk/your%20visit/access).

Do you have any dietary requirements or food allergies? YES/NO

If yes please specify in the box below. We will let the Town Hall catering team know of your requirement.

PARTNER OR COMPANION DETAILS

Name:.....

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TICKETS

Price £	No of tickets	Total £
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Friday 11 October**TOURS AND VISITS**

Reading Museum replica Bayeux Tapestry tour (14.30-15.15)	£6		
Reading Abbey Quarter and Ruins tour (14.30-16.00)	£8		

VERY INFORMAL NETWORKING SUPPER (19.00) at Sweeney & Todd's award winning pie restaurant
I would like to join the informal supper: YES/NO if YES Sweeney & Todd Vegetarian Option YES/NO

Saturday 12 October**CONFERENCE (9.45 for 10.15)**

Early bird (until 30 June 2019) members only	£70		
Standard ticket members only	£75		
Non-member ticket	£90		

Reading Museum introductory lunchtime talk and welcome	£2		
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RECEPTION AND DINNER (from 18.30)

Dinner	£32		
Reception (included for delegates)	£5		

Sunday 13 October**TOURS AND VISITS****10.30 - 12.30**

Reading Abbey ruins tour and Kennetside walk	£6		
Museum of English Rural Life (MERL)	£6		

12.30 - 13.30

Royal Berkshire Hospital Medical Museum	£6		
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13.30 - 16.00

University of Reading historic London Road Campus, University Special Collections Service finishing at the Museum of English Rural Life (MERL)	£6		
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TOTAL£

Payment may be made by bank transfer to Metro Bank sort code 23-05-80, account number 30380002 (please use your name as the reference) or by cheque payable to Friends of Reading Museum (BAFM 2019).

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Please enclose an SAE if you need a receipt/confirmation of your booking by post.

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